

Remarks

The application originally contained Claims 1-18. In the first Office Action mailed on 6/4/04, Claims 1-3 were allowed and Claims 4-18 rejected. In a responsive First Amendment filed on 9/7/04, the applicant amended Claims 4, 5, 10, 13, 15 and 17, and canceled Claims 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12. Claims 1-3, 8, 14, 16 and 18 remained as originally submitted. Thus, Claims 1-5, 8, 10, and 13-18 remained in the case.

In the second Office Action mailed on 10/04/04, Claims 1-4, 8, 13, 15 and 17 were allowed, and Claims 5, 10, 14, 16 and 18 rejected. The Action was final.

Responsive to the second and final Office Action, this Second Amendment has canceled Claims 5, 10, 14, 16 and 18, *i.e.*, the rejected claims. Thus, Claims 1-4, 8, 13, 15 and 17 remain in the case.

Allowance of Claims

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of Claims 1-4, 8, 13, 15 and 17.

Conclusion

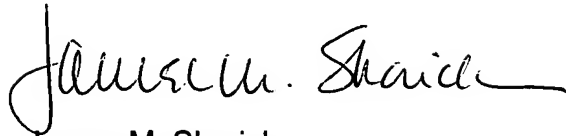
Given the canceled claims, only allowed claims remain in the case. The drawing was previously changed to overcome an objection, and the specification consonantly amended. In view of the foregoing, the applicant submits that the specification, drawing and claims have been placed in allowable form. Accordingly, the applicant earnestly solicits the favorable consideration of his application, and respectfully requests that it be passed to issuance in its present condition.

Should the Examiner discern any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of the aforementioned claims that might be resolved or overcome with the aid of a telephone conference, he is cordially invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number set out below.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Skorich", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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